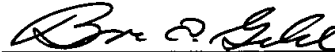


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: Not Assigned
Date Filed: October 29, 2003
Application Title: Methods, Compositions And Libraries Pertaining To PNA
Dimer And PNA Oligomer Synthesis
Applicants: Casale et al.
Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
Examiner: Not Assigned

**Certificate of Mailing Pursuant to:
37 C.F.R. §1.10**

I hereby certify that this United States Patent Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. ET925898456US in an Express Mail envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 29th day of October, 2003



Brian D. Gildea
Reg. No. 39,995

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the following Preliminary Amendment to the application filed herewith.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims: 11-27, 29-40, 42-51, 53-62 and 64-74 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims Still Pending In The Application Are: 1-10, 28, 41, 52 and 63. The attached amendment contains all of the presently pending claims.

CORRESPONDENCE/CUSTOMER NUMBER

Please send all correspondence pertaining to this document to:

Applied Biosystems
Attn: Brian D. Gildea, Esq.
15 DeAngelo Drive
Bedford, MA 01730

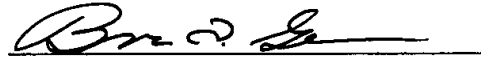
Telephone: 781-280-2824
Fax: 781-280-2940

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PLEASE MATCH THIS CASE WITH CUSTOMER NUMBER

23544

[Insert Customer Number Bar Code]

Respectfully submitted
on behalf of Applicants,



Brian D. Gildea, Esq.
Reg. No. 39,995